

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Timothy Clymer. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Councilpersons Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Alan E. Hipps, Nicholas Magistrelli, and Jim Daugherty. Gary Vojtush was absent. In addition, Law Director Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Service Superintendent and Building & Zoning Inspector Jason Walters, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Police Lieutenant Jamie Mackie were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Nehez asked for approval of the minutes for the Council meeting of July 22, 2015. Motion made by President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. Four votes to pass, Councilman Daugherty abstained, Councilman Vojtush is absent. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Resident Charles Steach asked when the vacant property behind N. Plaza Drive will be mowed. Jason Walters advised he contacted the owner of the property, and their equipment is broken. They advised it will be done by the end of the week. Jason Walters advised if it is not done by the end of the week, the Service Department will be cutting the grass.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ - A new business, United Auto Parts, will be moving in town. It will be located in Summit Plaza where the old Gabriel Brothers store was. The business will employ approximately forty employees.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER - (Report attached)

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY - (Report attached) The contractor on the Cranbrook Drive reconstruction project finished the curb from Huntington Drive to Milford, except for the tie-ins to the catch basins. All driveways should be complete by Friday. They are tearing out the asphalt at the intersection of Cranbrook and Huntington, and on Tuesday, the grinding machine will be at the job site to start taking out all the asphalt and base under the roadway from Huntington to Milford. The job is ahead of schedule. Engineer Richard Wasosky asked Council to pass the change order to the Cranbrook project allowing the Village to mill and fill the additional portions of the roads.

Law Director Brad Bryan asked for a Motion to approve the requested change order proposed by the Village Engineer related to Elm, Stratford Drive to Coventry, and Milford Drive from Coventry to Elm, and possibly Elm Street from Milford to Magnolia, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 beyond the original contracted

amount. Councilman Hipps made the motion, President Greenlee seconded. All in favor, zero opposed, motion passed.

The ODOT contractor has installed Handicap ramps along the East side of Northfield Road from N. Plaza to Summit Ave. That completes this whole project. The west side of SR.8 was done last year at no cost to the Village. The Regional Sewer District will be replacing a cracked pipe from the 1970's where the old treatment plant area was at no cost to the Village. There is no time frame at this time.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN- Advised there is a Proclamation on the agenda congratulating Coretta Olshefshi on her 102nd Birthday. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, motion passed. Arrangements will be made by Council President Greenlee to present the proclamation to Ms. Olshefshi at the assisted living facility.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz- Lt. Jamie Mackie, present for Chief Wentz, advised he has no report.

Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss- No report.

Service Superintendent/Building & Zoning Inspector Jason Walters- Reports he would like to get bids for roads that need repaired. Motion to authorize the Engineer to prepare packets for milling existing pavement on Magnolia Avenue and Heights Drive. Motion made by Councilman Daugherty, second by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Catch basins for the Cranbrook Road project are complete.

Jason reported he had some questions on why the summer help took so long to paint. He advised the weather was a factor; we had a lot of rain; and the younger kids were new to the workforce and learning. All in all they did very well, and Jason reported he is happy with their work.

Mayor Nehez added we have had many senior citizens on Cranbrook that cannot get out of their driveways due to the construction. Mayor Nehez reported Jason Walters rented a golf cart to transport the senior/handicapped residents to their mailboxes and/or vehicles. (The cost of the golf cart was \$250 a week).

Councilman Magistrelli thanked the Service Department for doing a good job on the lawns and streets.

Councilman Daugherty asked if we can have the Service Department clean up the gravel, grass, and weeds on the sidewalks on SR 8. He feels it is a hazard. Jason Walters advised that his guys can do it, but we need to make it clear that it is the responsibility of the land owner to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property. Mayor Nehez and Council advised Jason to go ahead and have the Service Department clean these areas. This is not something we will keep doing because it is the land owners' responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice in the winter. Jason also advised they have been cleaning up around the sewer plant area by the bottom of Chestnut. They have a lot more to do, but it is coming along. Mayor Nehez invited all of Council to go look at the cleanup at the old sewer plant. It is looking a lot nicer.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN E. HIPPS- No report.

RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ- No report.

CEMETARY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report. Next meeting is in October.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN- No report. Next meeting will be August 26, 2015 at 6:30pm.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: JIM DAUGHERTY - Reported he would like to make a motion for Jason Walters, Service Department, to go ahead with the sound system for Council Chambers, for price not to exceed \$8,000. The money will come out of the Mayor's Court computer fund. Motion made by Councilman Daugherty, second by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH – Not present.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS- No report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI- No report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

LEGISLATION:

No Legislation.

OLD BUSINESS;

NEW BUSINESS;

ANNOUNCEMENTS; Mayor Nehez gave his condolences to the Walters family for the loss in their family. Councilman Hipps advised he attended the Summit County Council meeting to receive the Proclamation for Northfield Village week in Summit County. Mayor Nehez thanked Councilman Hipps for going in his place.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion for adjournment made by Council President Greenlee, second by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion passed; adjournment at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Clymer
Clerk of Council